Investment in Public Sector Undertakings

5681. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment in Central public sector enterprises as on 31.3.1991;

(b) their total working capital on the sam date;

(c) the total outstanding loan, domestic and foreign as on that date;

(d) the total remittances to foreign countries during 1991-92, on account of principal and interest on foreign loans as well as payment of royalty and service charges, if any; and

(e) the total net profit during 1991-92 by these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information as on 31-3-91 is given below:–

(Rs in cores)

Total Investment	Rs. 113233.68
Total Working Capital	Rs. 40666.04
Loans outstanding:–	
– Domestic	Rs. 52598.03
– Foreign	Rs. 17601.24
– Total	Rs. 70199.27

(d) Loan repayment to foreign parties during 1990-91 upto which period only the information is available amounted to Rs. 1883 crores whereas interest on foreign loans amounted to Rs. 1338.60 crores and Rs. 245.18 crores were paid as royalty and service charges during this period.

(e) During 1990-91 upto which period only the information is available, Central PSEs earned a net profit of Rs. 2367.74 crores.

[*Translation*]

Mining of Uranium

5682. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge deposits of uranium have been discovered in the Western Khasi hills region of Shillong;

(b) whether mining operations were stopped following public protest;

(c) whether the mining of uranium is essential for meeting the requirements of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to continue the mining of uranium and the results thereof?